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Re: PUBLIC COMMENT / PRISON PHONE RATES - MASSACHUSETTS

Dear Secretary Dortch,

Please consider this my formal submission of public comments concerning abusive phone rates which prisoners in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are charged. Please allow me to elaborate;

- Massachusetts prison phone rates (fixed rates) are not "just and reasonable" as they are required to be by law.

- The high rates here in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts amount to an "illegal tax" on the families of the incarcerated.

- The high phone rates violate the "rehabilitation mandate" we have here in Massachusetts under Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 124, ss. 1, et seq.

- The diminished communication opportunities these high phone rates foster become a threat to public safety as rehabilitation is diminished through the lack of communication.

- Recidivism rates soar (they are currently at a mean 47% here in the Commonwealth) due to diminished rehabilitation.

- The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is acting in violation of federal RICO laws/statutes as they receive over \$2,000,000.00 per year in phone service provider "kickbacks".

- The prisoner advocacy agency, Prisoners Legal Services, under their "lame duck" litigation has failed to protect the rights of the prisoners and their families in Massachusetts as far as phone rates are concerned, and we need the FCC (your office) to protect those rights for us.

Please make these formal comments part of the record there at the FCC as far as prison phone rates and FCC involvement are concerned.

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Thank you for your time and anticipated cooperation. I will be anxiously awaiting your response on this topic. I am,

Respectfully Yours,

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